BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 91-141-G - ORDER NO. 91-1049

NOVEMBER 21, 1991

IN RE: Application of Piedmont Natural) ORDER GRANTING
Gas Company for Adjustment in its) FIVE-DAY
Gas Rate Schedules and Tariffs.) EXTENSION

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240(D)(Supp. 1990), the Commission may extend the six-month requirement that it rule and issue an order approving or disapproving any rate schedule changes from the date the schedule is filed for an additional five (5) days. The Commission may do so if it determines that it cannot, due to "circumstances reasonably beyond its control, issue an order within the six-month period prescribed by this section,...." The Commission has determined that such a five-day extension should be granted in this Docket.

The Commission has been informed by the Commission Staff that Staff Counsel for the Commission in this proceeding has an illness in his family which requires his presence out of town. Because counsel will be away from the office and unable to assist in the drafting of the final order which is due to be issued by November 24, 1991, the Commission finds that the circumstances are

such that a five (5) day extension is warranted. Therefore, the final Order ruling on the requested rate increase of Piedmont Natural Gas Company shall be issued by November 29, 1991, which is a holiday. The Order must be issued on the next business day, December 2, 1991.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Marjorie amos-Grogues
Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

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